Extension and Advisory Services for CSA

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OVERVIEW

• Nutrition-Sensitive Integrated Homestead Pond Polyculture

• Approach developed in Bangladesh for increasing household income and improving nutrition: pond polyculture of large and small fish species; vegetable production on pond dykes and in homestead gardens; behavior change communication and nutrition education for increased fish and vegetable consumption; gender equity

• Extension and advisory systems and services to support approach: designed and implemented in partnership with government, NGOs and private sector
EXTENSION AND ADVISORY SYSTEM

• Engaging lead farmers: females and males

• Group training, discussions and demonstrations: females and males, together and separately, on all components of the approach

• Limited household visits

• Self-monitoring of activities and production

• Limited monitoring and evaluation
EXTENSION AND ADVISORY SERVICES

• Provision of inputs for one production season: large fish fingerlings, small fish brood stock, vegetable seeds

• Training and demonstrations for groups and household members on increased production and consumption of fish and vegetables, especially in the first 1000 days of life.

• Training and supervision for self-monitoring of activities and outputs

• Facilitating contacts to government and private sector services
EXTENSION AND ADVISORY CHALLENGES FOR CSA

• Recruiting female field staff

• Male staff embracing a nutrition-sensitive integrated approach

• Limited contact of project staff at household level

• Short-term project – one production season per year
EXTENSION AND ADVISORY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CSA

- Family-based approach
- Addressing multiple essential needs of family members
- Non-traditional partnerships between different sectors
- Linking food production to improved nutrition and health
CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

• Design and implement long-term, integrated development programs
• Develop appropriate approaches for the poor
• Conduct robust, comprehensive evaluation
• Promote inter-country and regional collaboration: adoption, adaptation and scaling of successful approaches